

Today's News - April 27, 2004

Portland (and the rest of us) loses a visionary planner. – International visionaries creating the "explosive, deliriously ambitious, brazenly inventive climate" in China. – Real-world development undermining planners' land-use smarts. – A Florida developer making a success of making homogeny a no-no (hope for suburban (h)ills?). – The same-old same old plans for Sydney site, despite the starchitects. – A study finds too many American cities have no place to play. – The world's largest landfill will be a great place to play. – A Polish architect (and a lot of real estate experts) has high hopes - and cautions about joining the EU. – Melbourne celebrates "courageous yet understated contemporary architecture." – World War II memorial a "monument to blah... banality, an inert plaza dressed with off-the-shelf symbols of grief and glory." – A comeback stadium that represents more than just business. – The end of Orchids and Onion Awards? Not everyone is crying. – Sarasota celebrates its contemporary Modernists. – Wanted: a loving owner for an important piece of Scottish history. – Can't afford a trip to China's Forbidden City? Head to Texas.

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By Randy Gragg- The Oregonian

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